GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ISI ACTIVITIES IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to check ISI activities in West Bengal;

(b) the number of Central forces deployed to West Bengal for curbing such activities; and

(c) the time by which the border area of West Bengal is likely to be fenced completely ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) & (b): The Central Government have sensitisedthe State Government of West Bengal on the need to be vigilant to tackle the ISI activities in the State. Both Governments remain in constant touch and share available information on ISI activities in the State. Deployment of Central forces to State Governments depends upon the overall security scenario and the availabilityof these forces. Demand as and when received is accomodated by the Central Government to the extent possible.
(c): There is a proposal for fencing the entire border area running through the State of West Bengal, except for the portion that is riverine or where fencing is not technically feasible. At this juncture, it will not be possible to indicate any time frame for completion of the fencing work.